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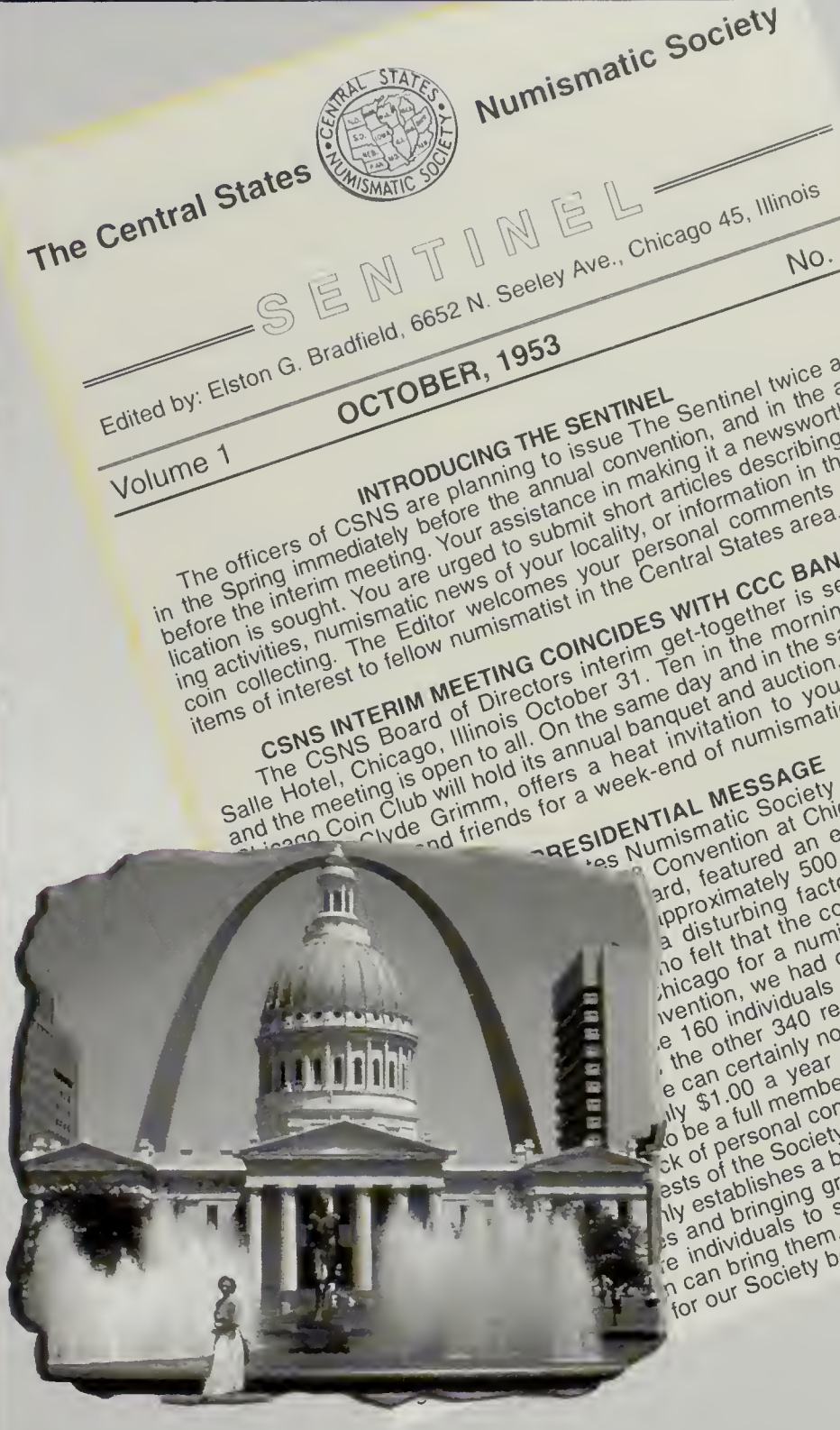

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The officers of CSNS are planning to issue The Sentinel twice a year, in the Spring immediately before the annual convention, and in the autumn before the interim meeting. Your assistance in making it a newsworthy publication is sought. You are urged to submit short articles describing collecting activities, numismatic news of your locality, or information in the field of coin collecting. The Editor welcomes your personal comments and brief items of interest to fellow numismatist in the Central States area.

**CSNS INTERIM MEETING COINCIDES WITH CCC BANQUET**

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**PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE**

[illegible] Numismatic Society we can look back [illegible] Convention at Chicago. The Conven- [illegible]ard, featured an exceptional group of [illegible]pproximately 500. Yet it was this high [illegible] a disturbing factor. Apparently thos [illegible]ho felt that the convention had a gre [illegible]hicago for a numismatic good time. U [illegible]nvention, we had only 160 paid up CS [illegible]e 160 individuals shouldered the finar [illegible], the other 340 registrants did not ass [illegible]e can certainly not be charged to exor [illegible]ly $1.00 a year for membership, an [illegible]o be a full member of our Society. App [illegible]ck of personal contact and individual i [illegible]ests of the Society to have as large a [illegible]nly establishes a better financial positio [illegible]s and bringing greater benefits to the [illegible]e individuals to share in the advanta [illegible]n can bring them. I earnestly urge ea [illegible] for our Society between now and Jan

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Fifty years, by any standards, is a long time! Be it fifty years with the same employer, the same spouse, the same organization, fifty years marks a magically "golden" moment in time that few of us have the opportunity of enjoying.

With completion of its first fifty years of publication, *The Centinel* now looks forward to its next half century of service to Central States Numismatic Society.

But before we move on, let us briefly glance back to where we have been and remember the people we've known, the places we've visited and the good times we've enjoyed.

In this and coming issues, perhaps you will catch a "glimmer of gold" as some of our authors explore the perennially popular topic....GOLD!

So as we mark an important milestone in Central States history, we invite our readers to share with us their "golden memories" of days gone by. From the archives will come reminders of the events and friends we have enjoyed.

We are confident that exciting times are ahead, and we hope that you will stay with us to enjoy the next fifty years!

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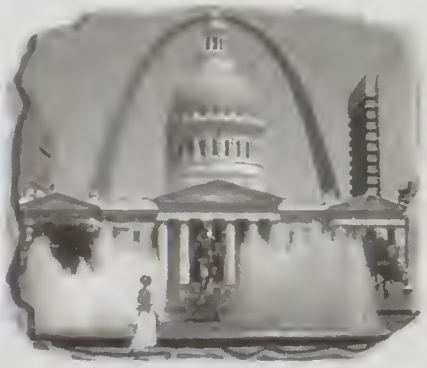

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

***On to St. Louis!***

Our Spring '03 show plans are complete! This issue of *The Centinel* contains the show schedule of events, along with the latest information on seminars and exhibits. The previous *Centinel* contained reservation and registration forms for our various activities.

Your board members who are also ANA governors attended the March ANA National Money Show in Charlotte, NC. Other shows in our area were well attended as well.

You will notice a greatly expanded Show Calendar in this issue, as each CSNS member club received a mailing for information on local club meetings, dates and times. This expanded coverage will enhance usage of your *Centinel* which is another board project to publicize numismatic activities on a local basis.

Another indication of the vitality and strength of our numismatic community is that for the first time in many years we are sold out of bourse tables well in advance of our upcoming St. Louis Spring show, and we have a waiting list!

It is a pleasure to see CSNS remain on the forefront of the very active and rapidly developing numismatic marketplace. We have attained this prominence by much hard work and dedication, such as true professional management of our Spring shows, timely production of an improved *Centinel*, complete financial reporting including annual budgets, quarter board distribution, a world-class auction and a top-ranked educational exhibit program at our Spring show, wider memberships in other numismatic organizations, a web site on the internet, and so many other projects to become one of the finest and most respected groups in the country!

Your board will be planning to expand YN membership in CSNS, as there is a high rate of "drop out" after only a short time as members. The future of any society lies in its youth and certainly CSNS needs to retain our YNs. We will report to you later as we explore our options.

I look forward to seeing you in St. Louis!

Harry Tilestor

# Coin Grading Seminar

An intensive one-day, hands-on coin grading seminar will be conducted during the St. Louis CSNS convention by Michael Farone of the Staff of ANACS grading service. A relatively small number of people will be able to benefit from the close interaction and discussions with Mr. Farone.

Planned for Thursday, May 1st, the 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. program will meet in room 122 of the America's Center convention facility.

Questions concerning the seminar may be directed to Kevin Foley, convention chairman, by calling 414-421-3484 or e-mailing: kfoley2@wi.rr.com. Advance registration is required. The modest $10 fee (payable in advance) covers both tuition and an informal noon lunch.

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## Coin Grading Seminar Registration Form

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# FROM THE SECRETARY

## Jerry Lebo

Dues payments are coming in rather swiftly. Thus far 12 members have opted to switch to life memberships (the one-time charge is $125). That brings to 28 the number of individuals who became life members during this just-concluded fiscal year.

One of the conversions was for YN Katie Heinrich of Cleves, Ohio. Her dad, David, apparently thought it would make a great birthday present. Katie turns 12 on May 5. Dad also paid younger sister Anna's dues through age 18. He didn't stop there, either. He shipped us some 5-cent postage stamps as a donation. Those of you who get mail from me know I frequently use several older postage stamps to achieve the first-class rate.

We continue to have a presence at other shows. Kermit and Donna Wasmer staffed a CSNS booth at the FUN show, as did Don Charters. President Harry Tileston had his usual presence at Louisville shows.

Speaking of other shows, I repeat my offer to make space on CSNS show tables for material from our member clubs, such as membership and bourse applications. Ship me a handful and we'll put them out on the table as space permits.

*The Centinel* currently publishes a list of member club shows when the information is available. We hope to begin publishing a list of local club meeting sites and dates. Letters have been sent to the clubs, asking for such information.

We're also reminding clubs of our ongoing book program where CSNS will help local organizations purchase books for their libraries. We offer up to $250 in matching funds per club from a pool of $1,000 each year. The grants are made on a first-come basis.

Another source of possible assistance for local clubs is the American Numismatic Association (www.money.org.) Clubs that belong to ANA can consult the monthly *Numismatist* for a list of ANA's regional representatives. These are individuals who serve as liaisons between ANA and its member clubs.

If you move, please notify me. If you don't, it costs CSNS money.

CSNS probably pays the Postal Service somewhere in the neighborhood of $100 a year for providing us with forwarding addresses when available. If you have a forwarding address on file with the Postal Service, your copy of *The Centinel* is supposed to be forwarded to you. We then get a change of address card and are charged 70 cents. If there is no forwarding address, the Postal Service returns *The Centinel* to us and charges us $2.63 per copy.

Our annual dues are $8 for regular membership, but *Centinel* expenses each year add up to $10 or more per individual member. It would cost another $1.06 to remail a copy of the quarterly to a new address should one eventually be provided, so we don't do it.

My search continues for life members who are "lost," which means we don't have current addresses. As of the first of March there were 28 people who fell into that category. A search of the Social Security Death Index on the

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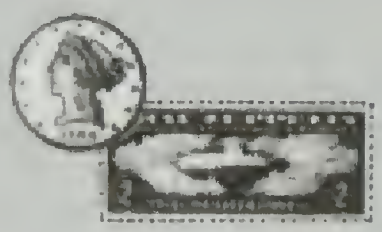

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I'm still searching for 22 people. These include individuals from our most recent search of people who became life members in 1985 and before, and other lifers for whom we have no current address. It's possible some have passed on, while others simply have moved. If you have any information about the following, I would appreciate hearing from you. This list shows their last known city of residence:

J. Cam Ackley . . . . . .Minneapolis MN
Dale Anderson . . . . . .Marshfield WI
Burl Armstrong . . . . . .Fort Madison IA
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David Spector . . . . . .Fremont CA
Mitch Utz . . . . . .Birmingham AL
Lucille Whittlesey . . . . . .Houston TX
Dale Willmeth . . . . . Centrailia MO

*More than one deceased person listed with the same name, but I'm not sure if either was a CSNS member as hometowns don't correspond with our records.

Jerry Lebo
Secretary-Treasurer

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The persons named below have applied for membership in the society. Each applicant will become a member in 30 days, unless a written objection to his or her application is received by the Secretary-Treasurer prior to that date.

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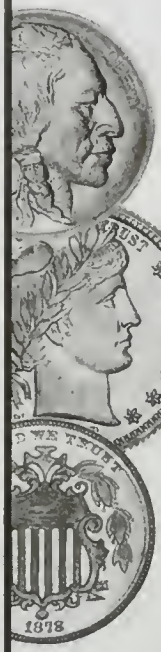

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# Central States Numismatic Society

## *To All Potential Central States Exhibitors*

You are invited to exhibit your coins, tokens, medals, paper money or other numismatic items at our 64th Anniversary Convention, May 2-4, 2003, in St. Louis, Missouri.

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REMEMBER: You must be a member of Central States to exhibit. If you are not currently a member, simply complete the membership application form found elsewhere in this issue of The Centinel.
See you in St. Louis!!

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# FROM THE CONVENTION CHAIRMAN

## Kevin Foley

The 64th Anniversary Convention of the Central States Numismatic Society will get underway in just a few more days. It is a privilege to chair an event which has become a focal point of interest for the numismatic community in this country and is part of a tradition which began before I was even born.

Kevin Foley

For our first visit to St. Louis in roughly a decade we'll have a 280 booth bourse which was sold out by late January, a testament to the enthusiasm of our dealers for St. Louis as a convention site. As I write this message the roster of booth holders includes names from 36 different states and encompasses dealers with specialties covering virtually the entire spectrum of numismatic interests.

This year for the first time ever the convention will feature two separate auctions, a rare coin Signature Sale sponsored by Heritage Numismatic Auctions, whose sale last year in Columbus shattered all records for a CSNS auction. Currency Auctions of America will also host a major sale focusing on rare currency and associated items exclusively.

With so many dealers participating in the convention we've adopted an expanded schedule this year. On Wednesday afternoon there will be a special Professional Preview from 3PM-7PM during which our attendees will have early access to the offerings of the members of the Professional Numismatists Guild. On Thursday morning the traditional PNG Day will open without charge only to holders of a special invitation available from members of the PNG for their clients. If you are a CSNS booth holder your dealer badge will admit you to PNG Day, which will run from 9AM-3PM. At 3PM the setup period for CSNS booth holders will begin and run until 7PM. This will also coincide with the CSNS Professional Preview. There will be a $50 registration fee for the Professional Preview periods on Wednesday and Thursday, with a single payment covering admission to both events.

Our regular public bourse hours will be from 10AM-6PM Friday and Saturday and 10AM-2PM Sunday. Admission during these regular show hours is free of charge.

We also have a number of educational programs and club meetings being held in conjunction with the convention. The educational offerings get underway on Thursday morning when a seminar open by pre-registration only on coin grading will be hosted by ANACS. Friday will see meetings by the Liberty Seated Collectors Club and the Central States Numismatic Society Board of Governors, as well as a Candidates Forum sponsored by the American Numismatic Association. This forum will give convention attendees an opportunity to meet face to face with the various candidates for American Numismatic Association office to share and discuss their views.

Saturday will see meetings of Women in Numismatics, the John Reich Collectors Society, the Society of Paper Money Collectors, a program for Young

Numismatists as well as a continuation of the ANA Candidates Forum and the CSNS General Membership and Awards Presentation meeting.

On Sunday morning the Annual Awards Breakfast will be held at the Renaissance Grand Hotel in the Crystal Ballroom. At the Awards Breakfast the Best of Show award will be announced and presented together with a number of other special recognitions. One aspect of the Central States Convention which has always impressed me from my earliest days of membership is the quality of the educational exhibits at our show each year. Exhibit Chairperson Fran Lockwood does an outstanding job each year in assembling a team of advanced collectors who generously share their numismatic knowledge in the form of well organized and documented displays of rare and interesting numismatic material. A few hours spent in the exhibit area reviewing the presentations assembled there will benefit all from the just beginning collector to those who are far more advanced in their experience. I've always gone away from the CSNS exhibit area learning something about numismatics I didn't know before.

Thanks for your continuing support of the Central States Numismatic Society with your membership and convention attendance. Next year we'll gather in Milwaukee for our 65th Anniversary Convention May 6-9, where we'll also have both Heritage and Currency Auctions of America Signature sales.

**"Currency Drop" Planned for St. Louis**

Something rather different from the traditional "coin drop" — the spending of rare coins — used to attract the interest of the public in an approaching coin show, members of the CSNS convention committee will be spending a pack of 100 1957 Silver Certificates in the St. Louis area in the days leading up to the organization's convention at the America's Center in downtown St. Louis, May 1-4.

"Members of our committee will be spending the Silver Certificates around St. Louis and its suburbs at a variety of locations likely to be patronized by people with interests in collecting and numismatics," according to the show's general chairman, Kevin Foley. "During our convention hours anyone bringing in one of the notes spent during this promotion will be able to redeem it at our Message Center on the bourse floor for $50, roughly ten times its customary numismatic value. The notes we'll be spending with area merchants will bear serial numbers F62160301A-400A. We'll purposely be selecting the kind of businesses we feel numismatists might be likely to visit. All the Silver Certificates will be placed into the stream of commerce during the first week in May, so St. Louis area residents and store clerks should examine bills passing through their hands around the time of our convention to see if they might get one of our notes that will temporarily be redeemable for $50."

Kevin Foley

General Chairman

# Central States Numismatic Society
# 64h Anniversary Convention
# America's Center
# 701 Convention Plaza
# St. Louis, MO 63101
# May 1-4, 2003
# Tentative Schedule of Events
**(Revised 3/5/03)**

### Bourse Area and Booth Holder Schedule

**Wednesday, April 30**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 PM | Move in for PNG Day Booth Holders (CIosed) | Convention Center |
| 3PM | Move in for PNG Day Concludes (Closed) | Exhibit Hall 5 |
| 3PM | Special Early Bird Period Opens * | |
| 7PM | Special Early Bird Period Closes * | |
| 7PM | Bourse Area Closes to All | |

(* Special Early Bird Period open without charge to CSNS booth holders wearing booth holder badge and to others for $50 registration fee - fee valid also for Early Bird admission on Thursday from 3PM-7PM)

**Thursday, May 1**

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|---|---|---|
| 8AM | Bourse Area Opens for PNG Day Booth Holders | Convention Center Exhibit Hall 5 |
| 9AM | PNG Day Opens (By written invitation only and to CSNS booth holders with booth holder badge.) | |
| 9AM | Educational Exhibitors may set up non-commercial displays | |
| 2:30PM | One Way Traffic for PNG Day Invited Guests Begins (Readmission for PNG Day and CSNS (booth holders only ) | |
| 3PM | PNG Day Closes (PNG Day Invited Guests Must Vacate) | |
| 3PM | Move In and Setup for CSNS Booth Holders Begins | |
| 3PM | Professional Preview Begins ($50 Registration Fee) | |
| 7PM | Bourse Area Closes | |

**Friday, May 2**

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| 9AM | Bourse Area Opens for Booth Holders and Early Bird Badge Holders | Convention Center Exhibit Hall 5 |
| 1OAM | Bourse Area Opens to Public Attendees | |

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| 5:30PM | One Way Traffic in Bourse Area<br>(Booth Holder Badge Required for Reentry) | |
| 6PM | Bourse Area Closes | |

**Saturday, May**

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|---|---|---|
| 9AM | Bourse Area Opens for Booth Holders<br>and Early Bird Badge Holders | Convention Center<br>Exhibit Hall 5 |
| 10AM | Bourse Area Opens to Public Attendees | |
| 10AM | Treasure Hunt for Young Collectors Begins | |
| 5:30PM | One Way Traffic in Bourse Area<br>(Booth Holder Badge Required for Reentry) | |
| 6PM | Bourse Area Closes | |

**Sunday, May 4**

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|---|---|---|
| 9AM | Bourse Area Opens for Booth Holders<br>and Early Bird Badge Holders | Convention Center<br>Exhibit Hall 5 |
| 10AM | Bourse Area Opens to Public | |
| 1:30PM | One Way Traffic in Bourse Area<br>(Booth Holder Badge Required for Reentry) | |
| 2PM | Bourse Area Closes<br>64th Anniversary Convention Concludes | |
| 4PM | All Booths Must be Vacated<br>Bourse Area Security Ends | |

## Security Room

**Tuesday, April 29**

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| 8AM | Security Room Opens | Convention Center |
| 12mid | Security Room Closes for Night | Room 127 |

**Wednesday, April 30**

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| 7AM | Security Room Opens | Convention Center |
| 12mid | Security Room Closes for Night | Room 127 |

**Thursday, May 1**

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| 7AM | Security Room Opens | Convention Center |
| 4PM | Security Room Closes<br>(All items must be reclaimed) | Room127 |

## Heritage Auction Lot Viewing

**Tuesday, April 29**

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| 12 Noon | Auction Lot Viewing Opens | Convention Center |
| 8PM | Auction Lot Viewing Closes | Room 123 |

**Wednesday, April 30**

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| 8AM | Auction Lot Viewing Opens | Convention Center |
| 8PM | Auction Lot Viewing Closes | Room 123 |

**Thursday, May 1**

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|---|---|---|
| 8AM | Auction Lot Viewing Opens | Convention Center |
| 7PM | Auction Lot Viewing Closes | Room 123 |

**Friday, May 2**

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|---|---|---|
| 8AM | Auction Lot Viewing Opens | Convention Center |
| 7PM | Auction Lot Viewing Closes | Room 123 |

**Saturday, May 3**

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| 8AM | Auction Lot Viewing Opens | Convention Center |
| 12Noon | Auction Lot Viewing Closes | Room 123 |

## Currency Auctions of America Lot Viewing

**Tuesday, April 29**

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| 12noon | Auction Lot Viewing Opens | Convention Center |
| 8PM | Auction Lot Viewing Closes | Room 123 |

**Wednesday, April 30**

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| 8AM | Auction Lot Viewing Opens | Convention Center |
| 8PM | Auction Lot Viewing Closes | Room 123 |

**Thursday, May 1**

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| 8AM | Auction Lot Viewing Opens | Convention Center |
| 8PM | Auction Lot Viewing Closes | Room 123 |

**Friday, May 2**

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| 8AM | Auction Lot Viewing Opens | Convention Center |
| 6PM | Auction Lot Viewing~ Closes | Room 123 |

**Saturday, May 3**

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|---|---|---|
| 8AM | Auction Lot Viewing Opens | Convention Center |
| 4PM | Auction Lot Viewing Closes | Room 123 |

## Heritage Auction Sessions

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| Session I | Thursday, May 1 | 7PM | Convention Center |
| Session II | Friday, May 2 | 1PM | Room 130 |
| Session lll | Friday, May 2 | 7PM | |
| Session IV | Saturday, May 3 | 9AM | |

## Currency Auctions of America Auction Sessions

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| Session I | Friday, May 2 | 7PM | Convention Center |
| Session II | Saturday, May 3 | 5PM | Room 132 |

## Meetings and Programs

**Wednesday, April 30**

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|---|---|---|
| 11AM | Meeting:Professional Numismatists Guild General Membership (Closed) | Convention Center Room 130 |

**Thursday, May 1**

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| 9AM-3PM | Seminar: Coin Grading (Fee and Advance Registration Required) (Contact the General Chairman) | Convention Center Room 122 |

**Friday, May 2**

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|---|---|---|
| 9AM | Meeting: Liberty Seated Collectors Club | Convention Center Room 122 |
| 1PM-3PM | American Numismatic Association Candidates Forum | Convention Center Room 127 |
| 3PM | Meeting: Central States Numismatic Society Board of Governors (Open) | Convention Center Room 122 |

**Saturday, May 3**

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|---|---|---|
| 9AM | Meeting: Women in Numismatics | Convention Center Room 122 |

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| 9AM | Meeting: John Reich Collectors Society | Convention Center Room 125 |
| 9:30AM | Meeting: Society of Paper Money Collectors | Convention Center Room 126 |
| 11AM | Young Numismatists Program | Convention Center Room 122 |
| 11AM-1PM | American Numismatic Association Candidates Forum | Convention Center Room 127 |
| 3PM | Meeting: Central States Numismatic Society General Membership and Awards Presentation | Convention Center Room D131 |
| **Sunday, April 28** | | |
| 7:30AM | Central States Numismatic Society Annual Awards Breakfast | Renaissance Grand Hotel - Crystal Ballroom |
| 8AM | Nondenominational Prayer Service | Convention Center Room 131 |

All Central States Numismatic Society Convention functions including the bourse, auction lot viewing, Heritage auction as well as educational programs and club meetings are held in the America's Center Convention Center unless noted otherwise.

## Central States Numismatic Society Convention Contacts

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The Convention General Chairman is the primary contact person for the event and is responsible for overall event arrangements as well as scheduling of all convention activities, including auction sessions and club and society meetings held as part of the convention.

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The Bourse Chairman is responsible for operation of the bourse area, including booth sales and assignment of locations to participating numismatic dealers. Dealers interested in bourse space at the convention should contact him.

Fran Lockwood - Educational Exhibit Chairperson
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The Educational Exhibit Chairperson is responsible for operation of the educational exhibit area. Collectors interested in exhibiting at the convention should contact her. Please note that educational exhibit space is limited. Contact should be made well in advance of the convention dates.

**Look Forward to the 65th Anniversary Convention of the Central States Numismatic Society**

**May 6-9, 2004**
**Featuring Professional Numismatists Guild Day**
**Thursday, May 6**

**Milwaukee, Wisconsin**
**Midwest Express Center**

# The Birth of Central States

by W. Ray Lockwood

The idea for an organization of numismatists living in midwestern states was born in Chicago in 1938. Lee F. Hewitt, editor of *Numismatic Scrapbook Magazine*, reporting on the August, 1938, meeting of the Chicago Coin Club, states that his club had voted to team up with his magazine to host a Central States Numismatic Conference in the Spring of 1939. All clubs in the "Central Area" were asked to co-operate. A fund of $100 was made available to "provide entertainment."

In his September, 1938, issue Hewitt noted that a Central States Numismatic Conference had been definitely set for late Spring, 1939. The next issue of his magazine was to have the date and hotel plans. Preliminary planning for the "Conference" called for a Saturday and Sunday meeting with "every minute packed with numismatic activity."

For some unknown reason, the next issue of the Numismatic Scrapbook Magazine did not contain "Conference" information. Readers had to wait until the March, 1939, issue to learn the details. Indeed, the stage was set for the first-ever Central States Numismatic Conference at the Hotel Congress in downtown Chicago, April 22 & 23, 1939. The hotel's beautiful Florentine Room was secured for the Conference, the same room that hosted the 1933 ANA convention.

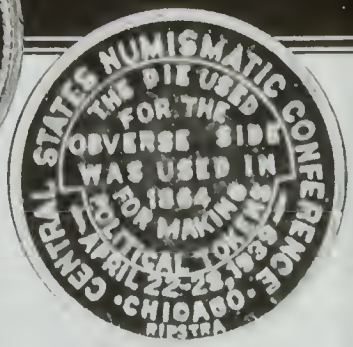
Seventeen midwest coin clubs and the N*umismatic Scrapbook Magazine* were listed as Conference sponsors. The registration fee was set at $2.00, a sum much less than actual cost. This small fee paid for a banquet, medal, badge, demonstrations and other souvenirs. Quite a bargain even for 1939! The April, 1939, issue of the *Scrapbook* contained this invitation: "Attend the Central States Numismatic Conference, Chicago, April 22-23. All the features of a national convention crowded into two days: educational demonstrations, roundtable discussions, exhibits, an auction, etc."

Exhibits were certainly encouraged at the Conference. Through the courtesy of a Chicago firm, exhibits were to be placed in brand new locked cases measuring 18 x 30 inches. All exhibits would be fully covered by insurance and protected by Pinkerton Detective Agency guards. Potential exhibitors were encouraged by Exhibit Chairman William Evans to make reservations no later than April 10 to ensure having their names and exhibit descriptions in the Conference program.

Other advertised features of the 1939 Conference included a "high powered" auction to be conducted by the Chicago Coin Club, and two educational programs featuring the ANA president J. Henri Ripstra,

The obverse die of this token was used in 1864 to strike political tokens for Abraham Lincoln's second presidential campaign.

A souvenir of the
Central States Numismatic
Conference
Chicago, April 22-23, 1939



***1939- Chicago:*** *Conference attendees filled the banquet room at the first official Central States gathering. Veterans of the numismatic world seated at the head table at the extreme left included (left to right ) : Dr. J. M. Henderson, chairman of the ANA board of governors; J. Henri Ripstra, ANA president; R. L. McBrien, Chicago Coin Club president; William G. Rayson, Chicago Coin Club director; Herbert W. Walker, ANA vice president; and Harry X Boosel, ANA board member. (Photo courtesy of Richard N. Wiltberger and CSNS Archives.)*

Arthur B. Kelley, elected first president of Central States, 1939.

**1973 - Peoria:** Only light-hearted presidential debating was allowed by "referee" Ray Lefman when ANA presidential hopefuls Virginia Culver and Grover Criswell met in the Central States hospitality room! (Finner Photo)

**1978- St. Louis:** First place exhibit winners included (left to right); John Wilson; Jack Huggins, Sr.; Robert Kutcher; Chris Wilken, Jr.; Marvin Burnette; and Jack Huggins, Jr. Russell Vogelsang was the convention's exhibit chairman. (Finner photo.)

**1989 - Kansas City:** Five past presidents were on hand to celebrate the 50th anniversary of CSNS' founding. From the left: Harry X Boosel, 1958-60; John Cain, 1984-86: Leon Hendrickson, 1986-88; Ralph D. hardman, Jr., 1980-82; and Ray O. Lefman, 1960-62. (Finner photo.)

**1973 - Peoria:** Three hobby veterans - George Hatie, Richard Yeoman and Lee Hewitt - were the first to receive their permanent (metallic) life membership cards. (Finner photo.)

**1978 - St. Louis:** The show was officially open following the ribbon cutting by Bernice "Bink" Stevenson, flanked by Marjorie Owen and Harold Berk, along with a group of CSNS officials and friends. (Finner photo.)

Ignatius T. Kopicki (left) served as CSNS secretary-pro tem in 1939 and as president during the war years (1942-47). R. Edward Davis died shortly after assuming the presidency in 1940.

**1973 - Peoria:** A smiling Jack Huggins, Sr., accepts the Reagan Foundation's best-of-show award from exhibits chairman Terry Stauski. Watching are Edgar Welsh, Sol Kaplan and Oliver Horton. (Finner photo.)

**1967 - Peoria:** Felix Schlag, designer of the Jefferson nickel, was one of several notables to address the banquet attendees. (Finner photo.)

**1996 - Kansas City:** YN Eric Stephenson officially received the first of thousands of pennyboards produced by the Professional Numismatists Guild. On hand for the brief ceremony were Kevin Foley, CSNS president; Robert Brueggeman, PNG executive director; Ralph D. Hardman, Jr., convention chairman; Harlan J. Berk, PNG secretary; and Ray Merena, PNG president. (Finner photo.)

**1976 - Chicago:** Lee F. Hewitt, the driving force behind the formation of CSNS, was honored at a testimonial dinner for being America's first successful commercial numismatic publisher and for his long association with the hobby. (Finner photo.)

**1997 - Indianapolis:** Jerry Lebo, named a Numismatic Ambassador by Krause Publications, accepted his plaque from Cliff Mishler, KP exec. Bob and Marjorie Hendershott and Roger Winkelhake were on hand for the occasion. (Finner photo.)

**1997 - Indianapolis:** A youthful Steven Roach happily accepted best of show honors from Fran Lockwood, the first time ever a YN had taken top honors in a senior dominated competition. (Finner photo.)

**1967 - Peoria:** Eva Adams, Director of the U.S. Mint, told those attending the banquet: "As soon as the current coin shortage is over, mint marks will return to our coins and the mint will resume production of collector proof sets." (Finner photo.)

**1995 - Milwaukee:** Bob and Marilyn Douglas were back to renew old friendships in his new role as *past* CSNS secretary/treasurer, a post Bob held from 1986-94. (Finner photo.)

M. Vernon Sheldon and Dr. R. E. Davis. Program topics included: "Troubles of a Coin Maker" and "Cleaning and Preserving Coins."

The Central States attendance committee distributed registration cards to several midwest coin clubs. Early registration was urged so that attendees would have their names published in the Conference program. Projected attendance was 200 with fully half that number anticipated from Chicago. Lesser numbers were predicted for Milwaukee, Kansas City, Minneapolis-St. Paul, Madison, the Quad Cities and Burlington, Iowa.

Other planned Conference activities were a Saturday evening banquet, door prizes, entertainment, a general meeting for clubs to share ideas, Sunday field trips to the planetarium, aquarium, Field Museum and the "world famous Maxwell Street Market."

The April, 1939, issue of the *Scrapbook* also contained two commercial ads promoting attendance at the Central States Conference. One proclaimed "Welcome to Chicago to Collectors and Dealers" from R. Green's numismatic bookstore on Bryn Mawr Avenue. The other featured a photo of the CSNC headquarters hotel, the Congress.

By all accounts, the Central States Numismatic Conference was an unqualified success. Ted Hammer, *Scrapbook* feature writer, proclaimed that "every minute was filled with interesting features." He noted that "they had to run out and find Lee Hewitt to get him to take a bow for conceiving the midwest organization plan." Regarding the exhibits, Hammer exhorted: "To yours truly, there never will be any better convention feature or drawing card than excellent displays, and the Chicago meeting was replete with these!"

There were 29 exhibits at the CSNC with an estimated value of $50,000. The list of exhibitors reads like a "Who's Who" of numismatic pioneers: Dr. Walter Hewitt Judd, B. Max Mehl, M. Vernon Sheldon, James Friberg, James Kelly and Arthur B. Kelley. The exhibits were open to the general public from 1 to 3 p.m. on Sunday with an estimated 1,000 persons viewing the displays.

Approximately 250 collectors and dealers attended the Conference. The first day began with a three reel movie, "Making a Medal." J. Henri Ripstra, ANA president and metallic sculptor, answered questions between reels.

The Saturday evening banquet began with taking the official attendees' photograph. A copy of this photo was donated to our Central States archives during our 63rd convention in Columbus. Old Gold cigarettes were distributed by "Miss Old Gold" during the meal. An auction followed with 259 lots sold at an average lot price of $3.00. The June, 1939, *Numismatist* noted that the "the ladies played cards during the sale."

On Sunday, April 23, an open discussion of club activities was held. Several club representatives expressed concerns, offered suggestions and shared club activities for the benefit of all. One common topic was finding ways to attract youth to the hobby. (Sound familiar?) This discussion was followed by presentations on cleaning coins.

At 11:30 a.m. a business session was conducted for the discussion of forming a permanent organization. Lee Hewitt chaired the meeting. The first successful motion was to form a central states group for the following thirteen states: ND, SD, NE, KS, MN, IA, MO, WI, IL, IN, MI, KY and OH. A motion to name the organization Central States Numismatic Federation lost out. Our present name, Central States Numismatic Society, was then adopted. As the purpose of the new society was to provide for an annual convention, the dues were set at the very low figure of 25¢ per year.

The following officers were named: President — Arthur B. Kelley of St. Louis; 1st V.P. — Dr. R. E. Davis of Chicago; 2nd V.P. — Hubert Polzer of Milwaukee; and nine (9) Board Members: Dr. Walter H. Judd of Omaha, Earl F. Barger of Chicago, Dr. Richard G. Hellman of Kansas City, Clifton Temple of Detroit, R. R. Reynolds of Flint, MI, Ted Hammer of Burlington, IA, H. W. Walker of Warren, OH, Dr. E. D. Skeen of Gary, IN, and M. J. Carls of Racine, WI.

The next order of business was forming a committee to write by-laws. Then the group selected Burlington, Iowa, as the site for the 1940 convention. President Kelley later appointed Eric Newman from St.

**1956 - Indianapolis:** Banquet attendees posed for the traditional formal photograph at the 14th anniversary convention held at the Claypool Hotel. Photo courtesy of Chester L. Krause (visible in lower left corner) and the CSNS archives. How many others can you identify?

**1978 - St. Louis:** Past presidents honored were (from the left): Daniel C. Parker, 1974-76; David L. Cooper, 1972-74; George D. Hatie, 1970-72; Ray O. Lefman, 1960-62; Harry X Boosel, 1958-60; and Richard S. Yeoman, 1948-50. Missing from picture: Harold H. Berk, 1976-78; and A.P. Bertschy, 1978-80. (Finner photo.)

Louis as the first CSNS Secretary-Treasurer. Newman was a 27 year old lawyer and vice president of the newly formed Missouri Numismatic Society.

One interesting highlight of the first-ever Central States convention was a live radio broadcast by Bill Brimelow from Elkhart, IN. He was interviewed by Chicago station, WLS, from the convention floor. This proved to be a good draw for public attendance.

Two follow-up reports on the Central States convention were those of the Chicago and Milwaukee clubs. J. Henri Ripstra congratulated the Chicago Coin Club and the CSNS Committee for successfully sponsoring the convention. "Everyone at the Milwaukee Numismatic Society meeting of April 28 agreed that making the conference an annual affair would do a great deal toward promoting numismatics throughout the middle west."

The Central States Numismatic Society has fulfilled this objective for over 63 years and is still going strong!

Special thanks are due to Carl Wolf, past president of the Chicago Coin Club, for sharing copies of articles from his club's publication, *The Bulletin.* Tribute is also due to the late Lee Hewitt, editor of *Numismatic Scrapbook Magazine* from 1935 to 1967. In the May, 1987, issue of the Chicago Coin Club's *Chatter*, we learn that "Lee was instrumental in the formation of the Central States Numismatic Society and has been cited as one of their "founding fathers." He received the CSNS Medal of Merit in 1959 and for years held the title of Honorary President.

(Watch for more Central States historical material in the coming issues of *The Centinel.*)

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# THE CALIFORNIA GOLD RUSH AND AMERICAN COINAGE

by R.W. Julian

Nearly every collector knows that the California Gold Rush was directly responsible for the great outpouring of gold coins in this country during the 1850s, but relatively few are aware of the changes made in the United States monetary system by this famous event.

In February 1848 James Marshall, an employee of the large Sutter ranch on the American River, was engaged in digging a trench meant to carry water to a mill. In the words of one writer, he turned up "black earth spangled with gold." Sutter's efforts at secrecy were futile at best and within a short time everyone in California knew of the momentous discovery.

1848 CAL. Quarter Eagle

When the news reached the East coast there was great excitement and within two years nearly 75,000 people had made the then-arduous journey to El Dorado on the Pacific. The Gold Rush was on.

The first numismatic event came early in the Gold Rush when the military governor of California, Colonel R.B. Mason, sent a quantity of gold to the War Department for transmission to the Philadelphia Mint. There it was partly struck into quarter eagles; a distinctive "CAL" was then punched into the coin on the reverse above the eagle. It is believed that about 1,389 CAL quarter eagles of 1848 were struck and they are today of great rarity. Many consider this the first true commemorative coin of the United States.

1850-O Double Eagle

Buried deep within the migration of '49ers were many miners from the Southeastern part of the country. They were responsible for furnishing gold to the Dahlonega (Georgia) and Charlotte (North Carolina) Mints. These two branch mints were hard hit by the exodus of miners, Charlotte especially so, and local pride began to be affected when the mints started striking fewer coins. The ever-present threat to close the two institutions as uneconomic became more of a reality.

While Dahlonega and Charlotte worried about gold production in their areas, the rest of the country was beginning to realize that the Gold Rush was a mixed blessing. The sudden and enormous quantities of gold coming onto the marketplace upset the delicate relationship between gold and silver.

Silver was by now (mid 1849) undervalued with respect to gold and bullion dealers bought up every silver coin they could find for shipment to Europe and

the melting pot. Because of the revolutions then sweeping Central and Western Europe precious metals were in high demand by ordinary people for hoarding. Monetary systems were in ferment.

In January 1849 Representative James McKay of North Carolina introduced a bill to authorize the coinage of gold dollars. McKay believed that, if the bill became law, the Charlotte Mint would strike a greater number of coins with less bullion and thus become more valuable to the region. It also would not close under such circumstances.

Mint Director Robert M. Patterson was strongly opposed to a gold dollar when there was already a silver one. Granted that the latter was virtually never seen in commerce and few were struck, but still it was the official standard for the dollar. Patterson also felt that such small coins of gold were more typical of backward economies and dictatorial governments.

Patterson had nearly succeeded in strangling the McKay bill at birth when the North Carolinian outflanked the director. There was an amendment to the McKay bill adding the twenty dollar gold piece; this proved irresistible to banking and mining elements and the bill became law early in March 1849.

Meanwhile, the shortage of silver for everyday transactions grew worse. By 1850 there was little American silver coin to be seen anywhere except, perhaps, on the frontier where it did not pay the bullion dealers to hunt for it.

Oddly enough, there was still some silver coin in circulation. Since the formation of the new government in 1789 Congress had authorized the use of numerous foreign coins, in particular the Spanish (and later Mexican) silver. Prior to 1830 the bulk of silver coin in everyday use throughout the country was struck at the Mexico City Mint although some did come from Lima and Potosi.

Much of this silver had been worn smooth by years of circulation and was of little interest to the bullion dealers. The Spanish coin would stay in legal circulation in the U.S. until 1857 and then linger on for a few more years until the 1870s, when the marketplace would see the last of it.

Although the silver shortage was a severe problem in this country, the Mint was now wrestling with the effects of the law authorizing the coinage of gold dollars and double eagles. Chief Engraver James B. Longacre, who was required by law to create new coinage designs and dies, was soon laying out the artwork for the smaller of the two coins.

Uncirculated 1854 Three Dollar

The design for the gold dollar being approved by the Treasury, Longacre set to work on the dies very quickly. Although he received less than complete cooperation from Chief Coiner Franklin Peale, who controlled some of the necessary engraving equipment, nevertheless Longacre managed to complete the dies in a reasonable length of time. Gold dollar coinage began in early May 1849.

As soon as the gold dollar dies were finished and coinage underway, Longacre began work on the double eagle dies. The design was quickly approved by the Treasury (which had the final say in the matter of dies and designs) but executing the designs proved a real problem for the engraver. Longacre was a superb artist, especially in line engraving, but had not had all that much experi-

ence in die work prior to his being appointed engraver in late 1844.

Chief Coiner Franklin Peale controlled a part of the engraving work (his department prepared many of the actual coinage dies) and Longacre was left with rather mundane work for his first several years in office. (Peale was also responsible for several of the pattern dies prepared between 1849 and 1854.) The gold dollar dies had proved a test of sorts, but this was successfully passed in due course.

As summer turned into fall there was no word on when the double eagle dies would be finished. Director Patterson, who did not like Longacre anyway, attempted to have him discharged for incompetency but the engraver used his political influence to block the efforts. It was stalemate, but the dies still had to be finished.

The engraver managed to hire an assistant named Peter Cross to help and towards the end of the year managed to deliver a pair of dies to the coiner. (Some of the earlier dies had split while in Peale's care and Longacre was very careful to avoid any further "accidents.")

1854 Arrows Seated Quarter

These first dies – dated 1849 – were used to strike a few pattern pieces in December but the dies were promptly labeled as bad by the coiner. He claimed, and this was later admitted privately by Longacre, that the relief was too high on the portrait side and all would have to be done over. At this point Patterson again tried to have the engraver fired, but without success; Longacre obtained another reprieve from the Treasury.

In early 1850 Longacre at last succeeded in finishing a set of dies that struck coins without problems. Patterson and Peale were left fuming about the whole matter and spoiling for another fight, but double eagle coinage began in early 1850. The coin proved as popular as McKay said it would in early 1849.

With the two new denominations in gold out of the way, Mint and Treasury authorities went back to considering the silver coinage problem, which had grown worse since the beginning of 1850. The additional gold coinage generated by the new denominations did not help matters either. The public was demanding that something be done.

As early as 1849, under Congressional pressure, three cent (Trime) silver patterns – from dies by Peale – had been struck at the Mint, but the whole idea had been shelved in the legislature because of more pressing matters. During the following year Peale produced another set of pattern dies, but nothing came of these for the time being.

By late in 1850 matters were becoming desperate and something had to be done in the very near future. Trade in the U.S. was rapidly coming to a standstill because of the lack of silver coin; there just was not enough Spanish silver to do the job.

In January 1851 a bill that had become bogged down in committee in early 1850 was resurrected. It called for a debased three cent piece of only .750 fineness, thus containing an amount of pure silver below the current standard for that denomination. More by coincidence than anything else, it was included in an

omnibus bill lowering the postal rate for first-class mail to three cents.

The new coin provoked another dispute at the Mint between Patterson and Peale on one hand and Longacre on the other. The director attempted to keep Longacre's design for the new coin from the Treasury but a private letter put an end to this scheme. Patterson was forced to submit the Longacre pattern but also sent one dated 1850 by Peale for Treasury consideration, making it plain which one he preferred.

Treasury Secretary Thomas Corwin, apparently not one of Patterson's admirers, quashed the Peale design and chose that by Longacre. The director was pointedly notified to mind his own business in the future since the law did not include him in the decision-making process for coinage designs. Patterson, in ill health anyway, resigned a few weeks later and the President was to fire Peale in late 1854.

Trime coinage began a few weeks after Longacre's design was chosen and was quite heavy the first year. More than 5 million pieces were made, mostly in the last six months of the year. Nearly three-quarters of a million were also struck at New Orleans in 1851, the only time that a branch mint produced the Trime. The public called the coins "fishscales" because of their resemblance to the real thing.

Although the roughly 10 million one cent pieces of 1851 and heavy mintage of Trimes in 1851 and 1852 put a great dent in the coin shortage, it was far from being solved and Congress knew this. Throughout the year 1852 there was fresh debate on the merits of reform along the lines of the three cent silver coin just issued and which was proving popular among the public.

While the East struggled with its own set of coinage problems, in California there was a shortage of everything but gold. The Californians had turned to making their own (at private mints) but the government was none too pleased about this turn of events. In 1852, Congress authorized a mint for California, at a location to be chosen by the Treasury. The San Francisco Mint opened in mid 1854 and within a year the shortage of American coin in that area had been solved.

Congress at length grappled with the complex problem of coinage reform and in February 1853 passed an act with far-reaching consequences. The weights of the regular silver coins less than a dollar in value (half dime to half dollar) were reduced by almost 7 percent. This was done so that they might again circulate. Coinage began on the reduced standard almost immediately and the engraver added arrows to the obverse and rays to the reverse to mark the change in weight.

In 1853 the fineness and weight of the Trime were brought into line with the other minor silver coins and the 1853 coinage was all on the new standard after the effective date of the act. In fact, 1853 coinage was very heavy for all denominations except the silver dollar, which was still open to free coinage, unlike the other silver coins.

It is not generally realized but the February 1853 law represented an historic shift in American coinage policy. Silver was now a subsidiary metal, no longer on par with gold as had been the law since 1792. In theory bimetallism still existed (because the silver dollar was still open to deposits from the public) but in practice few silver dollars were coined and the country was now on a de facto gold standard.

Gold interests put through a rider to another bill in 1853 authorizing the

three dollar piece, the last new gold denomination to be added. With Patterson retired and Peale quiet, Longacre had little problem designing and executing the dies for the new coin. It is generally acknowledged that the engraver produced a masterpiece, especially in his Indian Princess head on the obverse.

According to information put out at the time, the new coin was somehow tied in with the three-cent postal rate. Presumably this meant that the average citizen would rush out to obtain a three dollar gold coin just to purchase 100 stamps! (The average unskilled worker in those days earned less than $2 per day.)

The last casualty of the California Gold Rush was the old large cent, which had been struck in the same weight standard since December 1795. The great outpouring of gold had caused copper to increase in value; by 1852 the increase had been so great that the Mint actually issued cent coins to the public at a loss. The price of copper dropped a bit after 1852 but the handwriting was on the wall and in 1857 the copper-nickel cent was adopted in its stead.

It is ironic that miners returning to the Southeastern part of the United States in the 1850s brought their gold with them in dust form rather than having had it made into coin by the private minters in California. This dust was then deposited at the Charlotte and Dahlonega Mints and for a few years formed a considerable portion of their bullion supply. The wheel had gone full circle.

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Thomas Jefferson wanted to set up peaceful relations with Native American tribes. He also wanted to find a waterway across the continent to the Pacific Ocean.

# LEWIS and CLARK

Meriwether Lewis

William Clark

This year marks an important date in American history. It was exactly 200 years ago that Thomas Jefferson sent a letter to Congress asking for money to pay for an expedition to the Pacific. In April of 1803 the Louisiana Purchase treaty was signed, and by May of 1804 the journey of Meriwether Lewis and William Clark began an investigation to expand the country and discover an expedient passage to the Pacific.

With so much at stake, it is no wonder that Lewis and Clark have been heralded as American heroes of the first rank. The explorers recorded longitude and latitude, made friends with the Indians, and mapped much of the virgin territory that would become the northwestern United States. The expedition took almost 2 1/2 years and covered 8,000 miles. During much of this time the explorers were aided by a young native girl named Sacagawea, who joined the expedition as an interpreter.

With so much history in the making, one would expect to see a number of commemorative coins and medals honoring these pioneers, but that has not been the case before now. It was not until 2000 that Sacagawea (pronounced sah-KAH-guh-WEE-uh) was given her recognition on the one-dollar coin honoring her role as a peacemaker along the journey. The two principals of the expedition, Lewis and Clark, were recognized 100 years ago on the one-dollar gold commemorative coins that were issued in 1904 and 1905.

The Lewis and Clark Exposition coins are unusual because they have a portrait on each side, and because the two issues are identical except for the date. A mere 10,000 of each was minted, and the pieces today are considered quite scarce.

This time the country seems destined to do a better job of remembering these notable explorers. The Statehood quarter that will be issued for Missouri in August will present the explorers as part of the "Corps of Discovery 1804-1904."

In 2004 the Bicentennial will be further recognized with a commemorative silver dollar dedicated to the Lewis & Clark Bicentennial of 1804-1806. A number of designs have been proposed for this coin. The one that seems to have been given preference shows a contemporary Indian Peace Medal with feathers at the side, and a display of 17 stars above.

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# Future CSNS Conventions

The CSNS holds two conventions yearly. The spring convention is one of the largest numismatic conventions held each year. Most of the leading coin dealers are represented. There are educational programs, exhibits, junior programs and major auctions. The smaller fall convention features regional dealers, educational programs, junior programs and an auction.

2003 - May 2-4.....St. Louis, MO
2003 - Sept. 5-7.....Countryside (Chicago), IL
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2004 or 2005 - Fall.....Dearborn, MI
2005 - May 5-8.....St. Louis, MO
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# Club News

## New ANA Exec Proposing More Education

An additional staff nurnismatist and a more "user-friendy" Web site are among ideas Christopher Cipoletti studied during his frst month as executive director of the American Numismatic Association.

He left a position as partner in a law firm in Colorado Springs, Colo., in January to take the helm at ANA headquarters in the same city.

The organization's fiscal year begins April 1, so immediately Cipoletti was immersed in final preparation of the budget for presentation to the board of governors at the ANA Early Spring Convention in Charlotte, N.C., set for March 21 to 23.

Christopher Cipolette (left) assumed the position of executive director of the ANA following the retirement of longtime exec Edward C. Rochette on January 1. Cipolette had served as general counsel for the ANA since 1998.

"We want to make sure we're looking at and providing the best benefits for the membership, in education, in the museum and in library access," Cipoletti said.

"We're deep into the budget process, getting input from all departments and trying to meld everything all together."

Cipoletti has been familiar with the ANA organization already. He had been its general counsel since 1998. "Jumping feet first into the job" of executive director was a pleasant experience, he said.

"We're looking at new opportunities to make education a big push. We've been talking about another numismatist on staff, to work in both education and the museum, an all-rounded numismatist in terms of knowledge and experience. We have so many resources in the ANA membership, but when we look at staff, we don't have the people on a day-to-day basis to serve all the needs."

While ensuring that members have ready access to all benefits, Cipoletti plans broader outreach to the public.

One way is the Web site.

"We have a lot of great content now, but some say it's not as user-friendly as it could be."

A virtual museum is among ideas being explored. Web users could simulate an actual walking tour of the ANA Money Museum in Colorado Springs. "It's a way to take some of the benefits right here and reach out to a broader public," he said.

The Charlotte show will be an opportunity to try more appeals to potential visitors from the general community, he said.

More family events could answer questions about what a coin show is all about, lead people on tours of exhibits and generally help them understand what they see at the show, he said.

We hear about the millions that the Mint has on their active list," he said. "We need to look at ways to tap into the popularity of the State quarters, collecting in general. One of the most significant topics of discussions at all levels here [headquarters] is how to get the people to have a more serious, rather than passing, interest."

The first issue of a remade *Numismatist*, the ANA publication, was ready just as Cipoletti was ready-ready officially to take office-but he said he has been "very definitely involved, and pleased with the results we got and the feedback from the membership. It's been a phenomenally positive response."

With no major controversial issues crying for quick resolution, Cipoletti has kept focus on improvement and yet more improvement:

"As would any new executive director, I'm looking at the overall structure, determining where we're putting resources, what talents we have on staff- and we do have a terribly talented staff- and how to do things as efficiently as we'd like to see done."

## Minnesota Scouts Earn Badges

A recently completed Boy Scout coin collecting course was considered a genuine success by Rochester (Minn.) Coin Club officials and local scout leaders who worked with 38 boys on February 15, the day preceding the club's annual coin show.

Merit badges were awarded the boys for completing the new coin collecting requirements that included study of slide programs on grading and the minting process, handouts and worksheets, as well as grading U. S. and foreign coins at six different workstations.

The local club provided the needed supplies and rooms at the Rochester Comfort Inn. Club members and local scout leaders provided the manpower, according to Jerry Swanson, local scout leader and show promoter.

## New Coin Club

Duluth, Minn., resident William H. Jahn seeks to start a new coin club in this northern Minnesota city.

He invites anyone interested, and plans to hold the first meeting in time for National Coin Week in April.

Jahn has contacted and is receiving assistance from American Numismatic Association regional coordinators and a local dealer who has agreed to donate material as well as promote it.

Further plans call for raffles and drawings at meetings, and assistance toward helping Boy Scouts earn a numismatic merit badge. Meetings will also have guest speakers and refreshments.

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## Theft Charges Dropped

A felony theft charge was dismissed against a Janesville, Wis., high school teacher and member of the Wisconsin State Quarter Commission accused of stealing bank notes during a Numismatists of Wisconsin convention May 18, 2002, in Iola, Wis.

The Waupaca County District Attorneys Office dismissed the charge Feb. 4 against Douglas Stener, 55, of Janesville, despite Stener's admission he stole the notes last May and the presence of two eyewitnesses - one a police officer - who saw him take the notes.

Stener claimed he was on medication that prevented him from knowing right from wrong. He was a suspect in two other similar incidents in Wisconsin and Illinois, one in which he paid restitution, but had the charge dismissed.

Assistant District Attorney Vicki Taggatz said her office took depositions from a doctor and psychiatrist regarding the Iola case, who both said Stener's medication was affecting his judgment.

"We would have had a problem establishing intent," she said.

## Muncie Show A Sellout

Muncie (Ind.) Coin & Stamp Club officials report that their 45th annual show once again was a complete sellout, with dealers from as far away as Maine filling 65 tables.

The January 19th show was hosted at the Horizon Convention Center, downtown Muncie, where the 2004 show will be staged on January 18th. Show information is available from Ray Saylor, P. 0. Box 1184, Muncie, IN 47305, or by calling Ray at 765-288-0371

## Roman Soldier "Sells" Kids on Ancients

Scott Jenquin, recently elected vice president of Milwaukee's South Shore Coin Club was the hit of the meeting of the Whittier Coin & Collectibles Club (WCCC) when he showed up dressed as a Roman soldier, complete with body armor and brass helmet with cheek shields!

WCCC is a Milwaukee public elementary school coin and collectibles club started last year by South Shore president Bruce Benoit, that now boasts over 30 members ranging in age from seven to twelve years of age.

Jenquin talked with the "future YNs" about collectible

Playing the part of a Roman soldier visiting Milwaukee school children, Scott Jenquin (kneeling at right), discussed ancient coins with students of the Whittier Coin & Collectible Club. Each received an authentic bronze piece from Jenquin.

ancient coins and allowed them to examine assorted bronze and silver specimens. His program ended with each student being presented a bronze coin produced between 308 and 383 A.D. including such emperors as Constantivs II, Valentinian I, Gration, and Constantine the Great.

As advisor to the young club, Benoit is seeking help from other adult collectors of autographs, stamps, sports cards - as well as coins - who would be interested in visiting with his group. The club meets twice each month following school hours on the first and third Tuesday.

Benoit can be reached by calling him at 414-768-7144 days or 414-282-8128 evenings.

## Illinois Releases State Quarter

Collectors and school children jammed the auditorium of the Thompson Center on West Randolph Street in Chicago on January 6th to witness the release of the 2003 Illinois quarter.

Mrs. Ryan and Coin Artist Thom Cecchelli

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Among the dignitaries attending was the director of the U.S. Mint, Henrietta Holsman Fore, who remarked, "It's a great and historic day. I think this design is among the most distinctive of the states. It reflects the economic diversity and the historical significance of Illinois."

Henrietta Fore, U.S. Mint Director

Illinois first lady, Lura Lynn Ryan, welcomed the coin's designer, Thom Cecchelli, who told the audience that he wanted to show Lincoln at a turning point in his life. (Photos by Frank M. Zapushek.)

# Business Briefs

## Auction Lot Viewing Changes

The auction lot viewing schedule for Chicago's Mid-America Coin Expo, to be held June 26-29 at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in North Suburban Rosemont, has changed according to Kevin Foley, show chairman. Viewing for the Bowers & Merena sale will now open on Wednesday, June 25, rather than on Tuesday, as originally planned. On Wednesday lot viewing will run from 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. in Meeting Room 14. When the Mid-America Coin Expo opens for dealer setup and the professional preview at 10 a.m. on Thursday, June 26, lot viewing will reconvene in the bourse room and continue there on Friday and Saturday.

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**Bill Brandimore,** 1009 Nina, Wausau, WI 54401. Current CSNS governor. Will speak on general paper money articles.

**Brian E. Fanton,** P.O. Box 81, Hiawatha, IA 52233- 0081, phone 319-393-1192. Past CSNS governor. Programs on grading, boy and girl scout merit badge programs, slabbing, the "art of coin collecting," and general numismatic topics.

**Kevin Foley,** P.O. Box 589, Milwaukee, WI 53201, phone 414-421-3498. Past president of CSNS and major show organizer. Program on U.S. paper money, including national bank notes, fractional currency, large size notes and obsolete currency.

**Robert Hatfield,** 8728 Huron, Taylor, MI 48180, phone 313-292-8321. Past CSNS governor. Programs on medals and tokens, obsolete currency, ancient Roman coins, seated liberty coins and general numismatic topics.

**Leon Hendrickson,** P.O. Box 424, Winchester, IN 47394, phone 317-584-7481. Past president of CSNS and owner of SilverTowne. Programs on general numismatic topics.

**Jerry Lebo,** P.O. Box 841, Logansport, IN 46947, phone 574-753-2489. Current Secretary/Treasurer of CSNS and past president of Indianapolis Coin Club. Programs on general numismatic topics.

**Ray Lockwood,** 2075 E. Bocock Road, Marion, IN 46952, phone 765-664-6520. Past President of CSNS and of Indiana State Numismatic Association. Programs on bimetallic coins, "birth-year" collecting and topics of interest to young numismatists.

**Marvin Mericle,** P.O. Box 26, Prairie Creek, IN 47869. Current CSNS Vice President. Will speak on Military Payment Certificates and general paper money topics.

**Harry Tileston,** 901 Farmingham Road, Louisville, KY 40242, phone 502-244-2555. President of CSNS. Past president of Kentucky State Numismatic Association. Programs on U.S. type collecting, U.S. token collecting and foreign coins.

**John/Nancy Wilson,** 9353 SW 92nd Place Road, Ocala, FL 34481-6502, phone 352-291-0775, fax 352-291-0766. President of the ANA and past president of CSNS (John), former ANA governor (Nancy). Programs on past ANA conventions, paper money and exhibiting and judging.

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You are invited to send your club news to the Editor, along with photographs to make your story more interesting.

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The Central States Numismatic Society will help member clubs purchase books for school and public libraries, subject to the following conditions:

1. A club must be a member of CSNS for at least two (2) years to be eligible for participation.

2. CSNS will provide up to $250 annually to each club in matching funds. In total, CSNS will provide $1,000 annually for this program, providing adequate funds are available.

3. The club must submit a letter to the CSNS Education Committee for review. The letter shall contain information as to the names of the schools and/or public libraries that would be the beneficiaries, items to be purchased and the estimated cost of the items.

4. Both Amos Press (Coin World) and Krause Publications (Numismatic News) have agreed to provide pricing discounts for this program.

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The President and Board of Governors of the Central States Numismatic Society are pleased to announce the availability of an Adult Scholarship and a Young Numismatist Scholarship for Society members to attend the Summer Seminar educational program of the American Numismatic Association in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The Summer Seminar is a week-long series of educational lectures held each year at ANA headquarters and the campus of Colorado College.

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## ILLINOIS

**Lake County Coin Club**...meets at 7:30 p.m. the 1st Tuesday of each month at the In-Laws Restaurant, 720 Milwaukee Ave., Gurnee, IL. (No meetings if 1st Tuesday conflicts with major holiday.) Contact: Les Hannula, 847-662-1955.

**Oak Forest Numismatic Society**...meets at 7:00 p.m. the 1st Thursday of each month at Bremen Township Hall, 15350 Oak Park Ave., Oak Forest, IL. Contact: Howard Ribbentrop, 708-687-2919; E-mail: dianhow@aol.com.

**Central Illinois Numismatic Association (CINA)**...meets at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Thursday each month at the YWCA, 5th & Jackson Sts., Springfield, IL. (No meetings in August or December.) Contact: Steve Butler, 217-528-7634.

## INDIANA

**Old Fort Coin Club**...meets every 2nd Thursday, 7:00-9:00 p.m., at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, 4700 Vance Ave., Fort Wayne, IN. Contact: 260-482-9890.

**Marion Coin Club**...meets on the 1st Monday each month at 7:00 p.m., except June and July at 6:30 p.m., at the Marion Public Library, 600 So. Washington St., Marion, IN. Contact: Ray Lockwood, 765-664-6520.

**Muncie Coin & Stamp Club**...meets at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday each month at the Minnestria Cultural Center (on Minnestria Parkway just off Wheeling Ave.) Contact: Ray Saylor, 765-288-0371.

## IOWA

**Cedar Rapids Coin Club**...meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, except June and July, at Papich-Kuba Annex, 1300 Second St. SE, Cedar Rapids, IA. Contact: Dean Parr, 319-366-0552, E-mail: drparr@aol.com, or Web site: www.money.org/clubs/crcc/index.html.

## KANSAS

**Salina Coin Club**...meets the 2nd Thursday each month at VFW Post 1432, 1108 W. Crawford St., Salina, KS, except for picnic in Sept., coin show in Oct. and party in Dec. Contacts: Larry Howcr, 785-452-9331; Joe Ayotte, 785-825-0706.

## KENTUCKY

**Louisville Coin Club**...meets the 3rd Sunday of each month (except December), 2:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Downtown, 2nd & Broadway, Louisville. Contact: Harry Tileston, 502-244-2555.

## MICHIGAN

**Kalamazoo Numismatic Club**...meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church (children's choir room), 1515 Helen St., Kalamazoo, MI. (Auctions on 2nd Wed.; educational programs on the 4th. No 4th Wed. meetings in Nov. and Dec.) Contact: Roxanne Nigg, 269-349-5383.

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**Milwaukee Numismatic Society**...meets at 7:30 p.m. on the 3rd Thursday of each month at Mayfair Mall Community Room, 2500 No. Mayfair Rd. in Wauwatosa, WI (use entrance #2 on east side of mall). Contact: Annette Tramte, 414-541-7028.

**Nicolet Coin Club.**..meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. at Stein Supper Club, 126 So. Adams, Green Bay, WI. Contact: Don Long, 920-468-7760.

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**Waukesha Coin Club**...meets at 7:00 p.m. on 1st Wednesday of each month at the Waukesha Salvation Army office, 445 Madison St., Waukesha, WI. Contact: Forrest Schumacher, 262-524-3227.

# Attention, Coin Clubs!

If you'd like to see the news & happenings of your club covered within the pages of *The Centinel*, drop a note to the editor...let him know what's happening! And send good quality photos, too, for consideration.

Feel free to send news of your club happenings, special events and up-coming shows. Remember that *The Centinel* is a quarterly publication, so send information on upcoming affairs as early as possible!

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Show Offlcials: Send complete information regarding your coming event to *The Centinel* well in advance - 6 to 18 months - and include dates, official name, sponsoring club name, location and address, and contact person's name, mailing and/or E-mail address, and telephone/fax number to the Editor, P.O. Box 296, lola, WI 54945.

**Rosemont, IL - Apr. 24-27**
28th Annual Chicago International Coin Fair, Holiday lnn O'Hare,5440 No. River Rd. Contact: Kevin Foley, P.O. Box 589, Milwaukee, Wl 53201. 414-421-3484.

**Tukwila, WA — Apr. 25-27**
Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association's 54th Annual Convention & Coin Show, Community Center, 12424 - 42nd Ave. So., Tukwila, WA (I-5, exit 156). Scott Loos, P. 0. Box 2210, North Bend, WA 98045. 425-831-8789.

**Watertown, SD -Apr. 26-27**
South Dakota Coin & Stamp Association's 52nd annual convention, Ramkota lnn & Convention Center, 1901 - 9th Ave. SW. John Jackson, 901 So. Cecelia, Sioux City, IA 51106. 712-274-9195.

**Wausau, WI — Apr. 27**
Wisconsin Valley Coin Show, Park Inn Hotel, 2101 No. Mountain Rd. (Hwy. 51/NN exit). Thad Streeter, 5002 Tanya St., Schofield, WI 54476. 715-355-5437.

**Kokomo, IN — Apr. 27**
Kokomo Spring Collectible Show sponsored by Logansport Coin Club, Clarion Inn, U. S. 31 & Lincoln Rd. Mark Shorter, P. O. Box 3024, Kokomo, IN 46904-3024. 765-452-2616.

**Anderson, IN — Apr. 27**
Madison Cty. Coin Club Show, 663 Union Hall, 2900 Madison Ave. Coyle Shaw. 765-643-9888.

**St. Louis, MO - May 2-4**
Central States Numismatic Society's 64th Anniversary Convention, The America's Center, 701 Convention Plaza. Jerry Lebo, P.O. Box 841, Logansport, IN 46947. 574-753-2489.

**Wooster, OH — May 4**
Wayne County Coin Club's 51st Coin Show, High School Commons, 515 Oldman Rd. Zody Miller, 140 Miller Rd., Wooster, OH 44691.

**Green Bay, WI — May 4**
Nicolet Coin Club Annual Spring Coin & Stamp Show, Comfort Suites/Rock Garden, 1951 Bond St. Roger A. Bohn, 1345 Ponderosa Ave., Green Bay, Wl 54313. 920-499-7035.

**Monroeville, PA - May 9-11**
Pennsylvania Association of Nunusmatists Spring Show, Pittsburgh Expomart Rt.22 (EZ off Exit 6 PA Turnpike). John Paul Sarosi. 814-535-5766.

**Countryside, IL — May 11**
West Suburban Coin & Collectibles Expo, Park Place of Countryside Banquet Hall, 6200 Joliet Road. Kevin Wasmer. 630-969-8547.

**Oskaloosa, IA — May 17**
Oskaloosa Coin Club's Annual Coin Show, Penn Central Mall (downtown). Harley Fenton, 1402 9th Ave. W., Oskaloosa, IA 52577. 641-673-9797.

**Rice Lake, WI — Jun. 8**
Barron County Coin Club Annual Show, Cedar Mall, 2900 So. Main St. Sue Peterson, 119 E. Freeman St., Rice Lake, WI 54868.

**Countryside, IL — June 8**
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**Hiawatha, IA — June 15**
5th Semi-Annual Coin Show, Community Center, 80 No. Center Point Rd. Brian E. Fanton, P. O. Box 81, Hiawatha, IA 52233. 319-294-4377.

**Rosemont, IL - Jun. 26-29**
22nd Annual MidAmenca Coin Expo, Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5555 N. River Rd. Kevin Foley, P.O. Box 589, Milwaukee, WI 53201. 414-421-3484.

**Wichita, KS — June 28-29**
Kansas Numismatic Association's 20th Annual KNA Coin & Stamp Expo, 4-H Building, 7001 W. 21st St. No. KNA, P. O. Box 592, Chanute, KS 66720. 620-431-3605.

**Countryside, IL — July 13**
West Suburban Coin & Collectibles Expo, Park Place of Countryside Banquet Hall, 6200 Joliet Road. Kevin Wasmer. 630-969-8547.

**Windsor, Ontarior, Canada - Jul. 17-20**
Canadian Numismatic Association's 50th Annual Convention (hosted by Windsor Coin Club), Cleary International Center, 201 Riverside Dr. West, Windsor, Ontario, Canada. Tom Clarke, 519-735-0727. Email: mclarke@wincom.net.

**Springfield, IL — July 27**
Central IL Numismatic Association's Annual Summer Coin Show, Northfield Center, 3210 Northfield Dr. John Corcoran, 1601 Maureen Ct., Springfield, IL 62702. 217-698-8326.

**Baltimore, MD - Jul. 30-Aug. 3**
Amencan Nunusmatic Association's 112th Anniversary Convention. Contact: ANA Convention Dept., 818 No. Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80903. 719-632-2646.

**Countryside, IL — Aug. 10**
West Suburban Coin & Collectibles Expo, Park Place of Countryside Banquet Hall, 6200 Joliet Road. Kevin Wasmer. 630-969-8547.

**Baraboo, WI — Aug. 17**
Baraboo Area Coin Club's Annual Summer Show, Sauk County Fairgrounds, Hwy. 33. Jerry Powers, P. O. Box 302, Baraboo, WI 53913. 608-355-1977

**Fond du Lac, WI — Aug. 24**
Fond du Lac Coin Club's Annual Coin Show, American Legion Clubhouse, 500 Fond du Lac Ave. Randy Miller, Box 254, Oshkosh, WI 54903. 920-231-6161.

**Dublin, OH — Aug. 29-31**
5th Annual Ohio State Coin Show, Wyndham Hotel, 600 Metro Place No. Evan Brill, PMB 182, 4719 Reed Rd., Columbus, OH 43220. 614-451-5055.

**Countryside, IL — Sept. 5-7**
Central States Numismatic Society's Fall Show hosted by Illinois Numismatic Association, Park Place of Countryside Banquet Hall, 6200 Joliet Rd. Kermit Wasmer, 325 Coney Ave., Watseka, IL 60970. 815-432-4636.

**Rockford, IL — Sept. 21**
Rockford Area Coin Club Fall Show, Hoffman House and Holiday Inn, 7550 E. State St. (route Bus. 20) & I-90 west. Larry Kasberger, P. O. Box 1122, Belvidere, IL 61008. 608-379-3254. E-mail: kman848@aol.com.

**Cincinnati, OH — Sept. 26-28**
20th Annual Numismatic Expo, Sharonville Convention Center, I-75 Exit 15. Paul Padget, 7641 Reinhold Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45237. 513-821-2143.

**Hiawatha, IA — Sept. 28**
6th Semi-Annual Coin Show, Community Center, 80 No. Center Point Rd. Brian E. Fanton, P. O. Box 81, Hiawatha, IA 52233. 319-294-4377.

**Milwaukee, WI — Sept. 28**
Milwaukee Numismatic Society's Annual Coin Show, American Serb Memorial Hall, 5101 W. Oklahoma Ave. Annette Tramte, 2368 So. 59th St., West Allis, WI 53219. 414-541-7028.

**Jeffersonville, IN — Oct. 3-5**
Kentucky State Numismatic Association convention sponsored by the Louisville Coin Club, Ramada Inn Riverside, 700 West Riverside Drive, Jeffersonville, IN. Jim Miller, show chairman, 812-944-8248. Mail to: Harry Tileston, treasurer, P. O. Box 43744, Louisville, KY 40253-0744.

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**Salina, KS — Oct. 3-4**
Salina Coin Club's Coin & Stamp Show, VFW Post #1432, 1108 W. Crawford. Joe Ayotte, Box 1111, Salina, KS 67402. 785-825-0706.

**Royal Oak, MI — Oct. 5**
Fall Coin Club Show, Senior Community Ctr., 3500 Marais Rd. Kenneth P. Rama, P. O. Box 445, Royal Oak, MI 48069. 586-727-1790.

**Countryside, IL — Oct. 12**
West Suburban Coin & Collectibles Expo, Park Place of Countryside Banquet Hall, 6200 Joliet Road. Kevin Wasmer. 630-969-8547.

**Rochester, MN — Oct. 12**
Rochester Coin Club's Fall Southern MN Coin & Stamp Show, Comfort Inn, 1625 So. Broadway. Jerry Swanson, P. O. Box 565, Rochester, MN 55903. 507-289-5099.

**St. Louis, MO — Oct. 15-18**
The New Silver Dollar Show, America's Center, 701 Convention Plaza. Fred Oliver, P. O. Box 6028, Brandon, FL 33508-6028. Phone: 813-416-6131; Fax: 813-654-4495.

**Lenexa, KS — Oct. 18-19**
Johnson County Numismatic Society's 35th Annual Coin, Stamp & Card Show, Community Center, Pflumm Rd. at Santa Fe Trail Dr. Mark McWherter, 1107 E. Northview St., Olathe, KS 66061. 913-649-7070 (work) or 913-764-0386 (home).

**Kent, OH — Oct. 19**
Annual Fall Coin Club Show, VFW Hall, 500 Tallmadge Ave. Karen Watson, 2245 Tallmadge, Rd., Ravenna, OH 44266. 330-678-4754.

**Monroeville, PA — Oct. 24-26**
Pennsylvania Association of Numismatists Fall Show, Pittsburgh Expomart, Rt. 22 (EZ off Exit 6 PA Turnpike). John Paul Sarosi. 814-535-5766.

**Gurnee, IL — Oct. 26**
Indian Hill Coin Club Show, American Legion Post 771, 749 No. Milwaukee Ave. Mike Hanninen, 2400 Horeb Ave., Zion. IL 60099. 847-872-2725.

**Indianapolis, IN — Oct. 31-Nov. 1**
Indiana State Numismatic Association's 45th annual convention, Marriott Hotel, 7202 E. 21st & Shadeland Ave. Bourse: Joyce Fischer, P. O. Box 2624, Anderson, IN 46018. 765-649-0253. E-mail: kycolonels@home.com.

**Brooklyn Center, MN — Oct. 31-Nov. 2**
Minnesota Organization of Numismatists (MOON) 41st Annual Convention, Earle Brown Heritage Center, 6155 Earle Brown Dr. Jay Darby, 3628 - 6th St. NW, Rochester, MN 55901. 507-289-5280.

**Kalamazoo, MI — Nov. 1**
Kalamazoo Numismatic Club's semi annual show, Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds, 2900 Lake St. Roxanne Nigg, KNC President. 269-349-5383.

**Countryside, IL — Nov. 9**
West Suburban Coin & Collectibles Expo, Park Place of Countryside Banquet Hall, 6200 Joliet Road. Kevin Wasmer. 630-969-8547.

**St. Louis, MO — Nov. 20-23**
Annual National & World Paper Money Convention, Hilton Hotel-Airport, 10330 Natural Bridge Rd. Kevin Foley, P.O. Box 589, Milwaukee, WI 53201. 414-421-3484.

**Countryside, IL — Dec. 14**
West Suburban Coin & Collectibles Expo, Park Place of Countryside Banquet Hall, 6200 Joliet Road. Kevin Wasmer. 630-969-8547.

**Countryside, IL — Jan. 12, 2004**
West Suburban Coin & Collectibles Expo, Park Place of Countryside Banquet Hall, 6200 Joliet Road. Kevin Wasmer. 630-969-8547.

**Muncie, IN — Jan. 18, 2004**
Muncie Coin & Stamp Club's 46th Annual Show, Muncie Horizon Convention Center, 401 So. High St. Ray Saylor, P. O. Box 1184, Muncie, IN 47305-1184. 765-288-0371.

**Countryside, IL — Feb. 8, 2004**
West Suburban Coin & Collectibles Expo, Park Place of Countryside Banquet Hall, 6200 Joliet Road. Kevin Wasmer. 630-969-8547.

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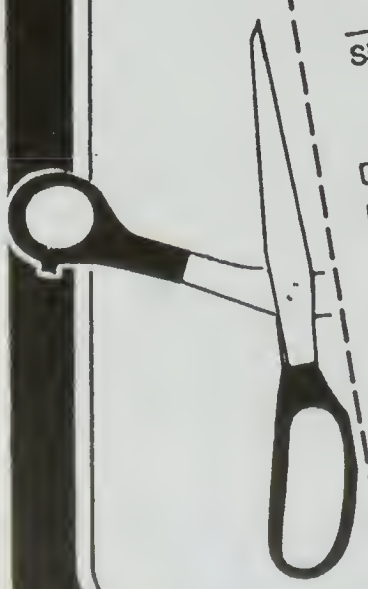

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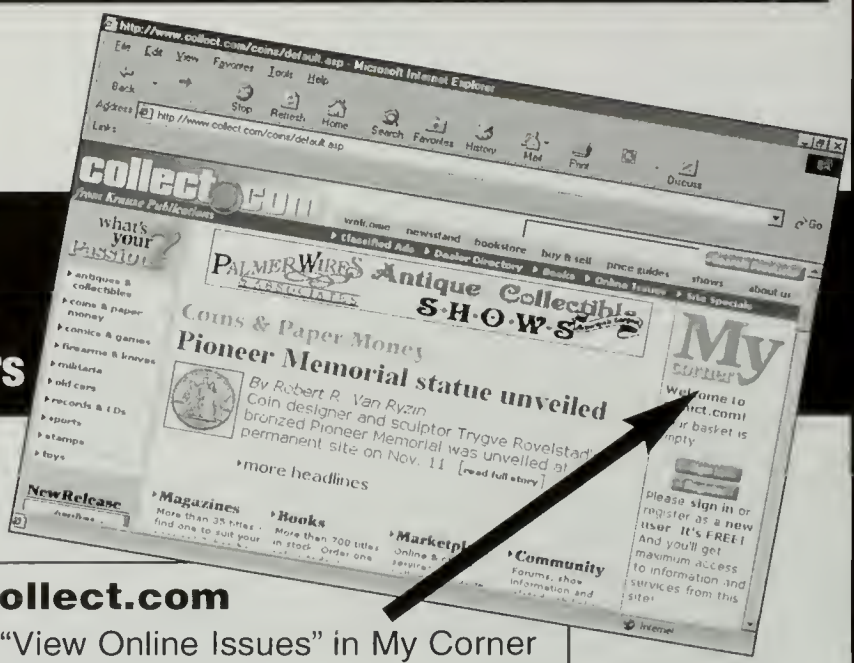


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